

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received an Advisory Action regarding the Reply to Final Office Action filed on September 29, 2005. The Examiner has indicated that the Reply would not be entered as it did not place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit this Reply to Final Office Action.

Claims 1-16, 21-29, 31-34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,636) in view of Subramani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,254,746). These claims have now been cancelled rendering the rejection moot. The cancellation of the rejected claims should not be perceived as an agreement that the claims are unpatentable over these cited prior art references. Applicants wish to allow a patent to issue on the allowed claims and reserve the right to re-present the remaining claims by the filing a continuation application.

Claims 35 and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As recommended by the Examiner, claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and is now believed to be allowable. Claim 36 is also believed to be allowable since it depends from allowable claim 35.

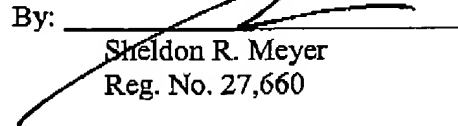
Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 30 and 38 and it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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